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SUBJ: ASEAN - US CONSULTATIONS

REF: STATE 189223, JAKARTA 9746

1. IN RESPONSE GOM REQUEST, CHARGE AND ECON COUNSELOR MET WITH MFA ASST SEC ALI ABDULLAH, WHO IS MALAYSIAN SEC GEN TO ASEAN, ON AUGUST 13. ALI STATED THAT IN JULY MANILA MEETING IT WAS DECIDED THAT CONTACT BETWEEN ASEAN AND US ON ECONOMIC MATTERS DESIRABLE AND THAT THAILAND, SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA SHOULD ASCERTAIN THROUGH US EMBASSIES WHETHER USG STILL WILLING HAVE DIALOGUE.

2. IN RESPONSE OUR QUERY, ALI STATED THAT INDONESIA NOW FAVORS ASEAN CONTACT WITH US AND THEREFORE DID NOT RAISE OBJECTION TO PROPOSAL IN MANILA MEETING.

3. ALI NOTED THAT WHILE ASEAN NOW FAVORS DIALOGUE WITH  
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USG ON ECONOMIC MATTERS, ASEAN DOES WISH AVOID SEMBLANCE

OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ASEAN AND BIG POWER (READ US).

4. HE ALSO STATED THAT PRINCIPAL ASEAN INTEREST IS TO IMPROVE TRADE BETWEEN ASEAN AND US AND THAT THEREFORE THE INITIAL SUBJECT TO BE DISCUSSED IS US TRADE ACT, ALTHOUGH TOPIC MAY SUBSEQUENTLY BE BROADENED.

5. ALI CITED EXAMPLE OF EEC-ASEAN CONTACT, STATING EXPLICITLY THAT US-ASEAN CONTACT WOULD BE NON-NEGOTIATING RELATIONSHIP. WE AGREED WITH CONCEPT, EMPHASIZING IMPORTANCE OF TRADE NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA AND EXPRESSING VIEW THAT US-ASEAN CONTACT SHOULD NOT DETRACT FROM THESE IN ANY WAY. ALI AGREED AND, ELABORATING ON EARLIER POINT, STATED THAT WAYS AND MEANS OF ACHIEVING GREATER TRADE BENEFITS FOR ASEAN WITHIN GENEVA CONTEXT WOULD BE ONE ITEM FOR DISCUSSION. HE NOTED THAT OTHER AREAS WOULD REVEAL THEMSELVES BUT THAT DISCUSSION SHOULD START WITH TRADE ACT AND THE BENEFITS ASEAN CAN DERIVE FROM IT. WE NOTED THAT TRADE IS TWO-WAY STREET AND THAT USG, OF COURSE, INTERESTED IN INCREASED ACCESS TO ASEAN MARKETS AND COMMODITIES. ALI ALSO STATED THAT TRADE DISCUSSIONS WOULD INCLUDE BUFFER STOCKS.

6. ALI REQUESTED THAT WE INFORM HIM RE USG WILLINGNESS PARTICIPATE IN DIALOGUE. HE STATED THAT RESPONSE SHOULD BE TO SECGEN IN BANGKOK, SINGAPORE AND KL RATHER THAN TO ROMULO IN MANILA.

7. COMMENT. IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT INDONESIA DOES NOT OBJECT TO US-ASEAN ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS. PLEASE PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR RESPONSE TO ALI. ALSO WHETHER US HAS ANY PREFERENCES RE TIMING AND VENUE. RE LATTER, ALI INDICATED THAT ASEAN CONSIDERING BANGKOK AS APPROPRIATE SITE FOR DISCUSSIONS.

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